

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Vogelbacker on 5/8/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8, line 1, change "the stop" to --a stop--.

Claim 16, line 8, change "and" to --and also based--.

2. Remarks: regarding the drawings it is noted that in the remarks in the papers filed 1/20/06 on page numbered 3 it is stated that the sheets having the list of reference numerals should be cancelled.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-15, the prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed combination of:

A power generation system comprising: an operation stop determination means configured to stop a power generation operation of said power generation portion based on the load power detected by said load power detecting means and a stop condition; and a stop condition setting means configured to set a stop condition, wherein said stop condition setting means sets predetermined different

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stop conditions in a plurality of predetermined time periods in one day, and wherein said operation stop determination means stops the power generation operation of said power generation portion based on each of the stop conditions set by said stop condition setting means and the load power detected by said load power detecting means.

Regarding claim 16, the prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed combination of: A method of operating a power generation system comprising the steps of:

setting predetermined different stop conditions in a plurality of predetermined time periods in one day; and stopping a power generation operation of said power generation portion based on the different stop conditions and also based on the load power detected by said load power detecting means.

In view of the certified translation of the priority document the rejections on the basis of Japanese document 2004-103397 have been overcome.

Crook is the closest remaining art of record but fails to teach or suggest the above combination of features.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEVEN R. GARLAND whose telephone number is (571)272-3741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on 571-272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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